

HINES SEES BENEFIT IN NEW RAIL LAW

Tells Diners Here That Measure Will Do Much to Correct Evils.

CRITICISES OLD SYSTEM

Predicts Much Good Through Arranging Lines in Strong Competitive Groups.

Walker D. Hines, formerly Commissioner General of Railroads, was the principal speaker last evening at the thirtieth annual dinner of the New York Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi, which was held in the Manhattan Hotel.

Addressing for discussion so serious a subject on a social occasion, Mr. Hines warmly endorsed the new Railroad Transportation act as a piece of legislation much needed and one that is likely to go a long way to correct many of the evils that beset railway management prior to 1917.

During that phase of Governmental relation to the railroads, Mr. Hines said, "In 1917 there was much inevitable confusion. That is remedied to a great extent, he said, by the direct rate making rule embodied in the new statute guaranteeing a 5% per cent return on the valuation of the railroads as a whole and the additional provision permitting the fixing of rates high enough to provide 1% of 1 per cent for the purpose of property betterments.

"That, I think, is a great improvement upon the old system," said Mr. Hines. "Under the old system the Interstate Commerce Commission had to hear the claims of fixers of the standards and the rates, and also of applying them in practice. Congress now fixes the standards and leaves the Interstate Commerce Commission to apply it."

"Another unfortunate phase of the old system was that it was contrary to the law for the stronger companies to acquire the weaker ones, whereas the new law recognizes and permits the consolidation of different railroad interests under proper safeguards and regulation. It distinctly recognizes the propriety of grouping the railroads into four competitive systems, which I think is a great and beneficial change of policy."

World Compel Consolidation.

"Personally, however," Mr. Hines added, "I have grave doubts whether the best results can be attained without providing for compulsory consolidation, and the new law as yet does not go so far as that."

The speaker also pointed out that under the old system there was no effective way of dealing with labor problems and controversies between the railroad managements and their employees.

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dent with the confirmation of the Senate. The labor board is to investigate and to report upon labor controversies, wage problems and other differences in instances where the adjustment boards have failed to agree. "This act does not compel either side to abide by the findings of the labor board, nor does it prohibit strikes. It relies upon the power of public sentiment to enforce concurrence with its recommendations. But I am very hopeful that it will be substantially successful in bringing about greatly improved conditions."

Predicts Vast Improvement.

"In all respects I regard the new statute as promising a vast improvement over railroad conditions as they existed under private management and operation prior to 1917, and, in my opinion, it tends largely to remove the causes for pessimism concerning the future of our railroads that existed before that time."

Mr. Hines pointed out that unfortunate features of the present railroad situation, inevitable as a result of their position before and during war time, were shortage of material and equipment and the high price of labor.

"The roads, now that they have been returned to private management," he said, "are confronted by a very serious situation. They must make up for the shortage of the last four years. They are confronted by a very large business, together with very inadequate facilities and equipment. There is danger, therefore, that the public may become discontented with the workings of the new law before it has had a fair opportunity to become familiar with its many good points. My hope is that the public may appreciate that unfortunate condition, that now exists as the result of forces that were wholly beyond human control."

Other speakers were Stephen T. Mather, Commissioner of National Parks, and Roy Chapman Andrews of the American Museum of Natural History, who illustrated with moving pictures his tour through Mongolia, where he spent three years collecting specimens of wild life. The toastmaster was Dr. J. H. Calborne.

TWO MEN KILLED BY CAVE-IN

Section of Plattburgh Street Sinks and Buries Them.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD, PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., March 27.—Thomas D. Long and Thomas Gallagher were killed and George Wade and Robert Millette seriously injured this afternoon when a large section of one of the principal business streets sank under the weight of a building which collapsed.

The two men were buried under tons of paving brick and cement walk.

It was not until four hours after the accident that the body of Long was taken out. That of Gallagher is still in the bottom of the flume.

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WOOD MEN COUNT ON 155 DELEGATES SO FAR

Poll of College Professors 3 to 1 for General.

The Leonard Wood campaign headquarters issued a statement yesterday claiming seventy-nine delegates are pledged to vote for Major Gen. Wood at the Republican National Convention. The statement added that Gen. Wood has every reason to expect that 76 more of the 178 Republican delegates selected so far will vote for him. The uninstructed delegates upon whom the Wood forces are counting are: Florida, 8; Kentucky, 24; Connecticut, 14; Oklahoma, 18; Tennessee, 10. The Wood forces thus claim a total of 155 votes.

They predicted yesterday that 32 more will be pledged during the coming week to 20 from Kansas when the State convention meets there next Thursday and 12 from Mississippi at the convention there Friday. Thirty-eight delegates were pledged to Wood last week, says the statement, as follows: North Dakota, 10; South Dakota, 10; Maine, 12; New Mexico, 6.

A poll of college professors, the Wood campaign committee said, shows Gen. Wood to be their choice nearly 3 to 1. The result of the poll was announced as follows: Wood, 310; Lowden, 107; Johnson, 78; Butler, 54; Harding, 14; Pinckney, 3.

Legislation by Gen. Wood to N. J. Bachelor, East Andover, N. H., former master of the National Grange and former Governor of New Hampshire, gave the General's views upon the farmer and agricultural questions. He says he stands for a practical farmer for Secretary of Agriculture; improvement of living, educational and social conditions in the country; lower cost of distribution of food products and against large holdings of farm lands for speculative purposes.

TAGGART OUT FOR SENATE

Indiana Democrat Announces He Reconsiders Withdrawal.

Indianapolis, March 27.—Thomas Taggart will be the Democratic candidate for nomination for United States Senator in Indiana.

Announcement that he had reconsidered his withdrawal from the race was made today by the Democratic State Committee, which met in special session here. Mr. Taggart reentered the contest only after he had been assured that such action was agreeable to the tentative candidates under consideration.

It was reported unofficially that Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States, would be the temporary chairman of the Democratic State Convention May 18 and that Samuel M. Rabston, formerly Governor of Indiana, would be the permanent chairman.

BERTH NO INCUBATOR BRAZILIAN LEARNS

Finds He Could Not Breed Chickens in His Cabin.

Nobody stopped Felipe de Moraes, a wealthy Brazilian, when he brought fifty rabbits of warranted birth and breeding and 125 cocks and hens of pedigrees much longer than their tail feathers aboard the Lamport and Holt liner Tennyson.

But when officials of the line heard that in addition to all this Senhor de Moraes was busily engaged in fitting up in his first class cabin an incubator for some three dozen prize winning eggs said officials drew the line. They explained to the Brazilian that hatching eggs in a first class cabin was comparable only to holding six cards in a poker game. For a moment it looked as if Senhor de Moraes, rabbits, cocks, hens and incubator and the liner would part at Hoboken, but a compromise was effected whereby the incubator was moved to another less cherished part of the ship. The senior explained that he hoped to have about thirty-six additional to his family party before he reached Rio Janeiro. The liner sailed amid a fanfare of crows and cackles.

Black Hats that are not Mourning.

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Dictator for Hungary.

VIENNA, March 27.—Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, plans to issue a proclamation establishing a military dictatorship over the country, according to information received from Budapest. This step, which is expected soon, is said to be inspired by the difficulties attending government under the present constitutional system. Gen. Sos, Minister of War, is to be made Chief Military Executive of Hungary, it is said.

Killed on Way to Funeral.

Boone, Iowa, March 27.—Peter Peterson of Graettinger was struck and killed by a train while going to a florist's to buy flowers for the funeral of his brother, A. G. Peterson, who died at his

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